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SUBJECT: MEDIA CONTINUE TO EMPHASIZE US OBJECTIONS TO
COMMUNISTS IN NATO GOVERNMENTS AS FRENCH CANTONAL
ELECTION CAMPAIGN ENTERS LAST WEEK

REF: (A) PARIS 5601 (NOTAL); (B) PARIS 6016 (NOTAL)

SUMMARY: FOLLOWING UP ON LAST WEEK'S REPORTING OF
ALLEGED STATEMENTS BY GENERAL HAIG ON U.S. OBJECTIONS
TO COMMUNISTS ENTERING NATO GOVERNMENTS, FRENCH MEDIA
SUNDAY AND MONDAY HAVE NOW SURFACED EMBASSY DEMARCHE TO
FRENCH SOCIALISTS ON SAME SUBJECT LAST JANUARY. SUBJECT
GETTING ATTENTION NOW PARTLY BECAUSE OF THE LOCAL GOVERN-
MENT (CANTONAL) ELECTION CAMPAIGN. END SUMMARY.

1. REFTELS REPORTED ON FRENCH MEDIA TREATMENT OF
ALLEGED STATEMENTS BY GENERAL HAIG CONCERNING USG OBJEC-
TIONS TO POTENTIAL PRESENCE OF COMMUNISTS IN NATO GOV-
ERNMENTS. SUBJECT WAS EXPANDED FURTHER SUNDAY AND MON-
DAY WITH REPORTS THAT U.S. EMBASSY MADE DEMARCHE TO
SOCIALIST OFFICIALS LAST JANUARY WARNING AGAINST ALLIANCE
WITH COMMUNISTS.

2. WEEKLY NEWSMAGAZINE LE POINT SAID THAT AN AMERICAN
EMBASSY OFFICIAL SAW SOCIALIST PARTY DIRECTOR FOR INTER-
NATIONAL AFFAIRS ROBERT PONTILLON AT THE END OF JANUARY
TO MAKE SURE THAT HE HAD UNDERSTOOD WHAT SECRETARY
KISSINGER HAD TOLD MITTERRAND DURING LATTER'S VISIT TO
WASHINGTON, I.E., THAT SOCIALIST ALLIANCE WITH THE COM-
MUNISTS IS CONSIDERED DANGEROUS. ARTICLE ALSO SAID THAT
SAME U.S. OFFICIAL MADE SAME DEMARCHE TO GASTON DEFERRE,
SOCIALIST MAYOR OF MARSEILLES.

3. IN AT LEAST TWO PROVINCIAL SPEECHES NOT REPORTED BY
THE NATIONAL PRESS, DEFERRE LAST WEEK IDENTIFIED POLITI-
CAL COUNSELOR COHEN AS THE RESPONSIBLE AMERICAN.
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4. INTERVIEWED BY WIRE SERVICES FEBRUARY 28, DEFERRE
CONFIRMED REPORT AND SAID THAT HE COULD NOT BELIEVE HIS
EARS WHEN HE HEARD THE DEMARCHE, WHICH HE CONSIDERED AN
INADMISSIBLE INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF
FRANCE.

5. PONTILLON WAS INTERVIEWED ON FRENCH TELEVISION EVEN-

ING OF FEBRUARY 28. HE CONFIRMED REPORT AND SAID THAT HE WAS SHOCKED BY DEMARCHE, WHICH COULD ONLY BE CONSIDERED INTERFERENCE IN FRENCH INTERNAL AFFAIRS. PONTILLON TOOK A RATHER MODERATE APPROACH, HOWEVER, SAYING HE DID NOT UNDERSTAND WHY THE U.S. WAS MAKING A BIG ISSUE OF THE SUBJECT AT THIS TIME.

6. ON MONDAY MORNING, MARCH 1, RTL'S PHILLIPE ALEXANDRE CALLED U.S. DEMARCHE "MOST SPECTACULAR AND ARROGANT MOVE SINCE 4TH REPUBLIC," ADDING THAT U.S. DIPLOMATS WERE SURPRISED BY TEMPEST THEY STARTED "IN THIS ELECTORAL PERIOD, WHERE EVERYTHING GOES," AND WHERE, HE SAID, SOCIALISTS WERE TRYING TO RECLAIM MANTLE OF NATIONALISM MONOPOLIZED IN RECENT WEEKS BY COMMUNIST PARTY.

7. REPORTS AND COMMENTS IN NEWSPAPERS VARIED ACCORDING TO POLITICAL ORIENTATION. RIGHTWING AURORE SAID THESE U.S. VIEWS ARE NOT NEW; THEY HAVE BEEN STATED EXTENSIVELY BY PRESIDENT FORD AND SECRETARY KISSINGER. LE

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FIGARO QUOTED DEFERRE AS IDENTIFYING THE DIPLOMAT WHO CAME TO SEE HIM AS (POLITICAL COUNSELOR) COHEN. LE FIGARO'S COMMENT WAS THAT REPORTS TEND TO CONFIRM THE SPIRIT IF NOT THE LETTER OF STATEMENTS MADE BY GENERAL HAIG.

8. LEFT-LEANING DAILY QUOTIDIEN DE PARIS CALLED THE U.S. DEMARCHE INFANTILE AND CONFIRMATION THAT THE U.S. CONTINUES TO WANT TO DICTATE THE POLITICS OF WESTERN EUROPE. COMMUNIST HUMANITE GAVE STORY BIG SPREAD, CLAIMING THAT FRENCH GOVERNMENT AND USG ARE COOPERATING TO ATTACK COMMUNISTS.

9. A NUMBER OF NEWSPAPERS ARE LINKING ISSUE OF U.S. DEMARCHE TO WHAT THEY CALL OVERALL HONING IN ON FRENCH SOCIALIST PARTY ONE WEEK BEFORE CANTONAL ELECTIONS MARCH 7. SOCIALIST PARTY GENERAL SECRETARY FRANCOIS MITTERRAND IS BEING ACCUSED OF INTERFERENCE IN FRENCH BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH ALGERIA AT A PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE MOMENT BY HAVING MADE OFFICIAL VISIT TO ALGERIA LAST WEEK. ON EVE OF TELEVISED ECONOMIC DEBATE MARCH 2

BETWEEN MITTERRAND AND FINANCE MINISTER FOURCADE, INTER-
IOR MINISTER PONIATOWSKI HAS ACCUSED MITTERRAND OF
ILLEGALLY OBTAINING DOCUMENTS FROM THE FRENCH MINISTRY
OF FINANCE. IN THIS CONTEXT, RIGHT AND CENTER ARE CALL-
ING MITTERRAND THEIR NUMBER ONE ENEMY.

10. COMMENT: US DEMARCHES TO EUROPEAN SOCIALIST PAR-
TIES FIRST SURFACED HERE IN CRAIG WHITNEY ARTICLE IN NEW
YORK TIMES DATELINED BONN FEBRUARY 6, APPEARING IN INTER-
NATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE FOLLOWING DAY. ISSUE RECEIVED
NO ATTENTION IN FRENCH MEDIA, HOWEVER, UNTIL LAST WEEK'S
FOCUS ON THIS EMBASSY'S ACTIVITIES. EMBASSY BELIEVES
THIS ACTIVITY NOT UNRELATED TO CANTONAL ELECTIONS, FIRST
ROUND OF WHICH SCHEDULED TO BEGIN SUNDAY, MARCH 7.
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